Additional assistance to Orissa for modernisation of police force

798. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has decided to enhance its assistance for modernization of police forces and grant Rs. 2 crores each to all naxal affected districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details of additional assistance that is proposed to be given to Orissa under the above project during the current financial year to control naxal activities in various districts of State;

(c) whether the Centre also propose to employ central para-military force in Orissa to control this menace; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces has been revised in 2005-06. Under the revised scheme the States have been re-classified into category "A" and category "B" with 100% and 75% Central funding respectively. The consequence of the above re-categorization is that the total Central annual allocation has been enhanced to Rs. 1645.00 crore.

In the revised scheme, a component for strengthening the police infrastructure in the naxal affected districts has been approved. A specific allocation of Rs.2.00 crore per year is being made to every naxalite affected district, including those in Orissa, from the existing allocation. In addition, mine protected vehicle, mine detectors, explosive detectors, bullet proof jackets and other protective gear etc. are being made available to the affected States, including Orissa, under the ongoing Scheme.

In addition to assistance in cash and kind under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, assistance for combating the naxal menace is also given under the Scheme for Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure whereby expenses incurred in anti-naxal operations are extended by the Union Government to all the naxalite affected States, including Orissa.

(c) and (d) Central Para-Military Forces (Central Reserve Police Force)

have already been deployed at the request of the naxal affected States, including Orissa, to assist the State Police in tackling the menace.

Diseases and tension among para-military forces

†799. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Jawans of para-military forces are getting into the grip of various serious diseases and mental tension;

(b) if so, the reasons for such serious diseases and mental tension among Jawans;

(c) whether Government have received the report regarding health-related problems of Jawan of Central Reserve Police Force, Border Security Force, etc.;

(d) if so, the date on which such report was received and the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for the solution of problems of these Jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The report of the study carried out by Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) on the Jawans of Central Police Forces has mentioned the prevalence of stress amongst the force personnel leading to physical and mental health problems.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) On the basis of the report received from BPR&D on 21st June, 2005, Directors General of Central Police Forces have been asked to chalk out their plan of action on the recommendations contained in the Report.

Escape of foreign nationals from remand home

800. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four foreigners escaped from a remand home in Narela-in North West Delhi on 25th October, 2005 by breaking the roof of their room;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.